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October 06, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

27 October 6, 2015


PATRICK OGAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT CONTRIBUTION OF
HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES FUNDING AND
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
LOMITA BOULEVARD AT VERMONT AVENUE, ET AL.,
IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND IN THE
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF WEST CARSON
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2 AND 4)
(4 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize Highways-Through-Cities financial assistance to the City of Los Angeles and to approve and advertise the Lomita Boulevard at Vermont Avenue, et al., project in the City of Los Angeles and in the unincorporated community of West Carson, find this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, adopt Resolution No. 3968 and the plans and specifications, authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, deliver the project, and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director of Public Works or her designee to carry out this project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 3968 finding that the project is of general County interest and that the County of Los Angeles aid in the form of Highways Through-Cities funds in the amount of \$259,000

shall be provided to the City of Los Angeles to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Proposition C local sales tax.

3. Approve and advertise the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for traffic signal improvements, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$255,000 and \$295,000.
4. Instruct the Acting Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement, and which are to be received before 11 a.m. on November 3, 2015, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.
5. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to determine whether the bid of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest apparent responsive bid is, in fact, responsive and, if not responsive, to determine which apparent responsible contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid.
6. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range and deliver the project.
7. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or her designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code relative to the construction of County buildings; (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in Public Contract Code Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (3) accept the project upon its final completion; (4) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Sections 7107 and 9203; and (5) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Section 4104.5.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is for the Board to approve and advertise the project, adopt Resolution No. 3968 and the plans and specifications, authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, deliver the project, and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director or her designee to carry out this project.

This project will complete intersection improvements and modify the traffic signals on Lomita Boulevard at Vermont Avenue and on 223rd Street at Normandie Avenue.

Board adoption of the enclosed resolution approves a County of Los Angeles contribution of Highways-Through-Cities (HTC) funds of \$259,000 to finance the City of Los Angeles' jurisdictional share of the project cost.

Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the Board of Supervisors of any County may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, determine that certain types of road improvements are of general County interest and that County aid shall be extended therefor.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by providing improved traffic flow for the traveling public, which will benefit the City and community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$255,000 to \$295,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$615,000, with the County and the City's jurisdictional shares being \$356,000 and \$259,000, respectively. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, materials testing, construction engineering, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

The project cost will be financed with \$492,000 in Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds for the South Bay Traffic Signal Forum, and \$123,000 in Proposition C Local Return match funds. On an annual basis, the Board has established a \$2,500,000 top-of-pot (TOP) allocation from the Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget for the County's Traffic Congestion Management Program. The \$123,000 will be funded from this TOP allocation. The \$259,000 in HTC funds consist of Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds and Proposition C Local Return funds. Financing for the construction of this project is included in the Proposition C Local Return Fund Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enclosed resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

This project is part of the Department of Public Works' ongoing program for transportation system management. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 60 working days. It is anticipated the work will start in February 2016 and be completed in May 2016.

Delegating to the Director or her designee the authority to award and execute this construction contract allows an expedited contracting process in order to meet the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority grant award deadline of June 30, 2016.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice

to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the Los Angeles County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making an award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 1, Subsections (e), (x)(4), (x)(14), (x)(19), and (x)(22) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by the Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for modification of existing traffic signal system, reconstruction of existing roadway pavement and curbs, new highway channelization including raised islands, and maintenance of existing roadway facilities.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. An award by the Director or her designee will be made upon review of the bids meeting the criteria established by the Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on both the County's "Doing Business with Us" and Public Works' "Contract Opportunities" websites for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing improved traffic flow thereby benefiting the City and community.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and one signed copy of the resolution to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

**RESOLUTION NO. 3968 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO EXTEND COUNTY AID TO THE CITY OF
LOS ANGELES FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL
IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the CITY OF LOS ANGELES, hereinafter referred to as CITY and the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY, desire to modify the traffic signals at the intersections of Lomita Boulevard at Vermont Avenue and 223rd Street at Normandie Avenue, which work is hereinafter referred to as PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY proposes to construct PROJECT at no cost to CITY; and

WHEREAS, the PROJECT is located and will be utilized within the jurisdictional limits of CITY; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is of general interest to CITY and COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of PROJECT is currently estimated to be Six Hundred Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$615,000.00); and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds for the South Bay Forum, and COUNTY'S Proposition C Local Return match funds; and

WHEREAS, the total PROJECT cost will be financed with Four Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$492,000.00) in LACMTA Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds for the South Bay Forum and One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$123,000.00) in Proposition C Local Return match funds; and

WHEREAS, on an annual basis, a Two Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) top-of-pot (TOP) allocation from the Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget has been established for COUNTY'S Traffic Congestion Management Program; and

WHEREAS, the One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$123,000.00) will be funded from this TOP allocation; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is consistent with the scope of work for traffic improvements within CITY pursuant to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Number P0008120 between COUNTY and LACMTA; and

WHEREAS, such a proposal is authorized and provided for by the provisions of Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

SECTION 1. The PROJECT is of general COUNTY interest and County aid shall be extended therefore.

SECTION 2. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, COUNTY consents, pursuant to the provisions of Streets and Highways Code sections 1680-1683, to extend aid to CITY in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$259,000.00) for PROJECT from the Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds and Proposition C Local Return funds, to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Proposition C local sales tax.


SECTION 3. The financial obligations of the COUNTY are expressly conditioned upon obtaining reimbursement from LACMTA pursuant to MOU Number P0008120 between COUNTY and LACMTA.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this resolution is held or declared to be invalid, the resolution shall be void and the consent granted hereunder shall lapse.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 6th day of October, 2015, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.



PATRICK OGAWA
Acting Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By 
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARY WICKHAM
Interim County Counsel

By 
Deputy